

In 2001, Dr. Smith established the Inner Strength Biblical Training Center. The biblical training center equipped men and women with the fundamental teaching of the Word of God. In 2004, Dr. Smith established the Apostolic Enrichment Center, Inc. The center assisted students with standardized testing and other tutoring needs. On October 27, 2009, City and County Commissioners honored Dr. Gilbert S. Smith with a street naming ceremony to co-designate a portion of Northwest 15th Avenue from 62nd Street to 79th Street, as "Rev. Dr. Gilbert S. Smith Ave".

Dr. Gilbert S. Smith is a true visionary and has been a pillar of the Miami "Liberty City" Community for more than 50 years. His home mission efforts have included helping to improve conditions of his local community such as, the ARC Street Ministry, Enrichment Center, Prison Ministry, and Distribution Center. His foreign mission continues to span over several different continents. Over 250 churches in Africa, 16 churches in Nicaragua, 13 churches in Guyana, 1 church in Grenada, 3 churches in Trinidad with schools.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues and all Americans to please join me in recognizing Dr. Gilbert Smith for his contributions and for his commitment to our community, state and country.

RECOGNIZING BAYLOR UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Baylor University's men's basketball team as the 2021 NCAA National Champions. Eighteen years ago, Coach Scott Drew talked about coming to Baylor "for a chance to win a national championship." A dream vocalized by one man turned reality by a team of men with great faith. A team that played as one. Oh yes, they had individuals and they were outstanding. But it was their teamwork mindset that achieved this victory.

This season, Baylor defeated more top-25 teams than the three other Final Four teams combined. These results prove that hard work, a determined mind, and a willing spirit can conquer any challenge. To say I am proud is an understatement. My hometown Baylor Bears have proved their abilities and I believe this is just the beginning of much more greatness to come. I wish these men as much success in future endeavors as they earned this season.

Congratulations men.
Sic 'em.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PLEASANT HILL HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pleasant Hill High School wrestling team on winning the State

Championship at the Missouri State High School Activities Association Class 2 wrestling tournament.

On March 11, the Pleasant Hill Roosters wrestling team won their first state championship in 25 years, finishing 37 points ahead of the second-place team.

The Roosters had nine individuals receive medals at the tournament: Sam Ewing, who won his 2nd state title, and Garret Lyons, Ryan Volland, Lane Snyder, Brayden Bush, Zach Redwine, Lane Brattin, Jacob Hanes, and Dalton Cole, who also placed. Each of these young men have made their school and their state proud.

I congratulate these hard-working athletes and the Pleasant Hill High School wrestling team on their impressive accomplishment. I am honored to represent them, and I wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

BONNIE ZEE DAY

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Mr. POCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Bonnie Zee with the following Proclamation:

Whereas, Bonnie Zee began her career as the elected Town of Albany Clerk in April of 1975 and has continued to serve as a valuable, and trusted asset to her community to this day; and

Whereas, Bonnie Zee's vast knowledge, dedication, and outstanding performance of her duties throughout her tenure has earned her the respect, and admiration of her community; and

Whereas, Bonnie Zee's service as Town of Albany Clerk resulted in efficient and effective Town government for nearly five decades;

Now, therefore, I hereby proclaim April 20, 2021 as Bonnie Zee Day in honor of her 46 years of public service to her community, the Town of Albany, and the State of Wisconsin. I join her friends, family, and colleagues in offering her best wishes on her much-deserved retirement.

IN HONOR OF EDITH BETTIS ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize longtime East Tennessee resident Edith Bettis as she celebrates her 100th birthday.

Edith was born in Oconaluftee, North Carolina to Arthur and Ellen Chambers on April 16, 1921. She lived in Smokemont, North Carolina until age 11 when her family's land was made part of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. She then moved to Sweetwater, Tennessee where she attended high school.

After briefly attending school in Oak Ridge, she moved to Detroit, Michigan to help with the war effort. During World War II, Edith worked on airplanes as a riveter, and after the war, she returned to East Tennessee to work in a Lenoir City hosiery mill.

Edith married her late husband, Clarence, in May of 1947, and they had 4 children: Janis, Charles, Nancy and Rickey. They were later blessed with 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

It's my honor to wish Edith a happy 100th birthday and, on behalf of Tennessee's Second Congressional District, congratulate her on becoming a centenarian.

IN RECOGNITION OF LUNEATA HITE

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Ms. Luneata Hite, a long-time resident of Detroit in Michigan's 13th Congressional District as she celebrates her 105th birthday. Truly an amazing milestone to reach in life.

Born in New York in 1916, Ms. Hite spent part of her childhood in Texas before settling in Detroit, Michigan. She went on to attend The University of Michigan and pursued a career in social work. Ms. Hite takes pride in one of her most interesting and powerful work pursuits—helping to investigate restaurants accused of discriminating against African American patrons. This work should inspire us all in this Chamber as we continue to rid society of all forms of discrimination. In 1941 Ms. Hite married Sherman Johnson and was a devoted wife. Together they nurtured and raised three children in their home in Detroit.

Ms. Luneata Hite is cherished by her family, friends, and neighbors. Please join me in wishing her a very happy birthday, surrounded by love and light.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, for a vote on April 15, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 114.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unable to cast the following vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call 108.

LARA LARSON

HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Lara Larson on her retirement and to thank her for over 30 years of dedicated public service with Fairfax County.